

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

May those who love your salvation say always, “Great is the Lord!”  
**Our heart is glad in God because we trust in God’s holy name.**

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise.  
**We praise you, and declare you alone are Lord of all.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Seek Ye First* UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
*Sanctuary* FWS 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living  
sanctuary for you.

**PRAYER**

**Almighty God, you have told us what it means to know you:  
to stand up for the poor and needy. And you have told us  
what you require: to do justice, to love kindness, and to  
walk humbly with you. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to acts  
of mercy and deeds of justice. Rise up O God and judge the  
earth for all peoples belong to you.**

(from Jeremiah 22:16, Micah 6:8, and Psalm 82:8)

**THE WORD**

PSALTER *Psalms 82* UMH 804

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

SERMON *What If We Had Acted Like gods?* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

**PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with  
our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we hare rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you  
are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to  
God! Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* by Terry Byars  
(performed by Terry Byars, Penny Kemler, Carrie Stephens)

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**THE TABLE**

**CALL TO THE TABLE**

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may  
offer this holy offering in peace.

**Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

**\*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again  
and again we thank you and receive your body and blood.  
Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon  
that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always  
felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153

**BLESSING**

**SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE *Living For Jesus*

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come  
up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free  
elements.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**

given by Pat Cobb in memory of her husband, Earl, and their  
wedding, July 21, 1951.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Fran Anderson, Lynn Cooper, Marc Turner and Lesseley Deshotels
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 17**  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, 207 Admin Building

**Monday, July 18**  
9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
4:00 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Art, 201 Admin Bldg.  
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Sports, 207 Admin Bldg.

**Tuesday, July 19**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, July 20**  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
5:00 p.m. Youth: Water and the Word, Worthy Residence  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary  
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

**Thursday, July 21**  
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
6:00 p.m. Youth Jam Session, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, July 22**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC-Gym

**Saturday, July 23**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**JULY 20 Youth: Water and the Word (and July 27)**

**31 A Taste of St. John’s**

**AUG 7 Blessing of Backpacks**

**Youth: Grub Sunday**

**13 Days for Girls Project (and Aug 20)**

**14 Promotion Sunday**

**Presentation of Bibles**

**Bible 101 (and Aug 21, 28)**

**SEP 25 Blessing of Pets**

**OCT 2 Fall Blood Drive**

**16 Stewardship Begins**

**30 Commitment Sunday**

**Church-wide Brunch**

**Trunk or Treat**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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- Please share with the prayer team
- Please share with Pastors only
- I desire a call
- I desire a visit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request  
to: [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but  
in everything, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving, present your  
requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

There will be a food delivery from the Baton Rouge Food Bank on **Friday, July 22**. Volunteers are needed to help sort items and stock shelves. Any amount of time you can offer is appreciated. If you can help, please come to the FLC-Gym at 8:30 a.m.

### A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S 2016!!

#### FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE

Calling all cooks and bakers! We're accepting entries for A Taste of St. John's, our second annual cooking/baking competition, that will be held on **Sunday, July 31** in the Family Life Center. Entries should arrive by 5 p.m. for judging, and everyone is invited for ice cream at 6 p.m. when winners will be announced. Each entry is \$5, or you can sign up to be a judge for a \$5 donation. (Make checks out to St. John's UMC with The Taste in the memo line.) Please submit your entry form by Thursday, July 21.

This year St. John's and United Methodist churches across Louisiana will be raising funds for the Lydia Patterson Institute, a Methodist Christian college-preparatory school located in El Paso. Founded in 1913, it offers programs for Spanish-speaking children, primarily from Juarez, to attend high school in the U.S. and attend an American undergraduate university. The Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Laity voted to join their fundraising for Church Starts with the conference efforts that are supported by our apportionments.

### UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, August 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The prayer and self-denial program will be presented. A donation collection will be taken. Members are invited to an indoor picnic which will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. Each member should bring their own brown bag lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. All women are invited to attend.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS RESCHEDULED

#### **NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, AUGUST 13** FAMILY LIFE CENTER - GYM 9:00 A.M. - NOON

We are still in need of: (1) girls new cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or 14 in any dark to medium color, solids or flowers, no characters or animals and no white panties, (2) new washcloths, any color but white, or (3) cash to purchase fabric. You were so generous last time, we had some supplies left over. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out the Days for Girls website at [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

### BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE

#### **August 14, 21, and 28**

As Christians, we know we're supposed to read our Bibles, but have you ever wondered, "Where do I begin?" Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the library at 5 p.m., for this three-week study that starts at the very beginning. Perfect for adults of all ages who are new to reading scripture on their own or who want a refresher course. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

## SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



## Psalms of Psummer

### 8:30 Worship Service July 17, 2016

#### Mission Statement

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.